

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 13th May 2026

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to receive God's love and to share it with others through our Welcome, our Worship, our Community and our Service.

Sunday 17th May

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Bible Study, Tonight

Happening from 7.30pm, Room 1

Governance Meeting

Monday 18th May, 10.30am, Wesley House Executive

Thought for the week

A visit to the MCI Container Ministry, Lurgan – Maureen Rowan Harvey

You will have seen the appeal circulated by the Container Ministry last month and the article in the May edition of The Methodist Newsletter . I was unaware of their work. But my curiosity was sparked in the context of ongoing concerns about environmental damage from overconsumption. I had to go to Lurgan to see for myself.

Overconsumption is complex to grapple with, as we all have our emotional attachments to ‘stuff’ like toys. It is driven by many factors, including technology allowing us to see more advertisements, and online shopping expanding access to all that is advertised. The metric of ‘Earth Overshoot Day’ provides evidence of how we live on a finite planet that cannot support endless growth and unequitable, unchecked consumption. The data indicates that in 1972, we needed 1 Earth to support our consumption habits, but by 2025, this figure had grown to 1.78 Earths. Forty per cent of the global waste from overconsumption is dumped, burned, or discarded where municipal facilities are inadequate. Even our own donations of clothing to charity shops can end up polluting a beach in Ghana.

It did not take long to pinpoint my own overconsumption and find items in the attic that matched what was listed on the Container Ministry appeal. Several members of Centenary found likewise and I was able to load the car with toys, baby clothes, sewing machines, musical instruments, bedding, school stationery and more. Is there a danger that they will just end up in a skip? Not under the watch of William Carson and his Team they won't.

The Container Ministry Team are not claiming to offer environmental solutions to overconsumption, but, as part of their wider Christian mission, they offer an example of action over despair on this difficult issue.



The Container Ministry sends their collections to Africa (among other places) but in a carefully targeted way. They are currently responding, as they have been doing for 36 years, to specific requests for assistance made through World Mission Partnership churches. Our musical instruments will be going to a church development programme in The Gambia, the baby clothes and toys to a support facility for young mothers in Latvia, the sewing machines to a training centre in a rural area in Sierra Leone. The response to the latest appeal has been enormous and the task of sorting in the vast warehouse is undertaken by a dedicated team of just seven people, all retired, supported by volunteer technicians who refurbish devices and recalibrate instruments.

I came away energised, not only by the welcome with freshly baked soda bread and tea brack, but with a sense of having met a Team working for good: *‘We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.’* (Romans 8:28)

PS William has just updated me that the container for Latvia is on its journey and will be at its final destination in about 10 days. Hope Centenary's children don't start looking for their toys back!

The attached document from the Council of Responsibility offers a helpful reflection on the fuel protests. Please find the document attached. [PDF Reflection on the Fuel Protests.pdf](#)

Prayer

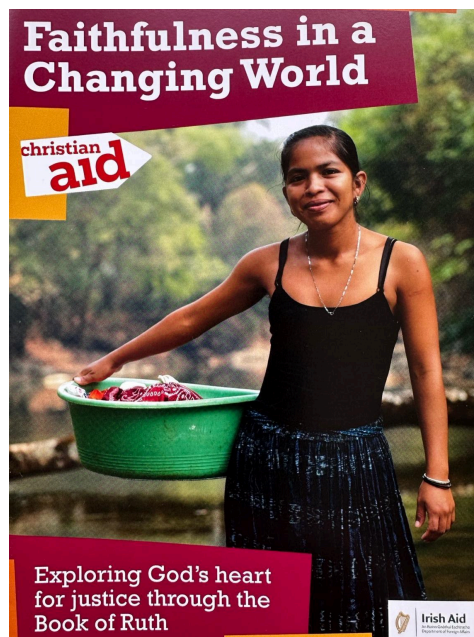
Gracious God, as we pray for your blessings on the work of the Container Ministry Team and on the projects they are supporting, let us also pray for balance in our own lives. Help us to remember, as Jesus told us, that *“life does not consist in an abundance of possessions”* (Luke 12:15). Help us to be mindful of our choices, to learn to live with less, and to ensure that resources are available for all, now and in the future. **Amen**

Christian Aid Bible Study, Room 1

7.30pm, each Wednesday in May

Faithfulness in a changing world

Four lessons from the Book of Ruth



Wesley Pilgrimage

Tuesday 30th June – Sunday 5th July (travel by boat, Dublin to Holyhead). This promises to be a very worthwhile and enjoyable coach tour around places associated with John and Charles Wesley. **Bookings should be made before 15th May.**

A flyer for the Wesley Pilgrimage. The title 'Wesley Pilgrimage' is written in a gold, cursive font. Below it, the dates 'Tuesday 30 June – Sunday 5 July 2026' are listed. The flyer includes details about travel, accommodation, and the guide. A portrait of John Wesley is shown on the right side. Below the portrait is a quote: 'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.' and the name 'John Wesley, 1747'.

Wesley Pilgrimage
Tuesday 30 June – Sunday 5 July 2026

Travel: by boat (Dublin – Holyhead) and coach
Accommodation: Cliff College (Peak District), Travelodge (Bath, Windsor) and Premier Inn (Lichfield)
Guide: Dr Stephen Skuce
Leaders: Gillian Kingston (Tipperary), Rev Andrew Kingston (Dublin)

This pilgrimage will involve guided walking tours in Epworth Old Rectory, Oxford, Bristol, London, and more – exploring the places that shaped John and Charles Wesley and the Methodist movement. Along the way, you'll grow in spiritual formation, connect with the roots of our Wesleyan faith, and share in community.

Cost: €850 (single supplement + €115). Concessions available if required. Deposit of €100 secures.

For a booking form and full itinerary email
andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org
40 places, closing date for bookings, 15 May 2026

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Manse Open Day

Thank you to all who attended the Open Day on Saturday. €310 was collected for Christian Aid. For those who were unable to attend, and would like to see the new Manse, there is a further Open Day for the other Churches on the Circuit on Saturday 30th May between 11am and 3pm. **The address is 7 Butterfield Court, Rathfarnham D14 N6X3.** Refreshments will be served. Donations if desired to Christian Aid. Please note that sometimes the eircode directs people passed Butterfield Court and down to a private lane at the end of Butterfield Crescent called Owendore Avenue. Please avoid this.

MHSI Centenary Conference, Saturday 16 May 2026

Edgehill House, Belfast and online

Summary of programme

10.30 - Registration / Tea and Coffee

11.00 - Rosemary Raughter: 'Alice Cambridge and Female Preaching in Early Irish Methodism'.

12.00 - Rachel M. Beck: 'Growing up Methodist in Roscrea—an Oral History.'

1.00pm - Lunch (cost €10/£10)

2.00pm—Dr John Alderdice: 'The Practice of Historical and Contemporary Perspectives' Contact Andrew for further details

AFRICA DAY, Sunday 17th May 10am-6.30pm

Dublin City Council invites you to the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, **8 Military Road, D08 FW31**

A showcase for the Continent of Africa in Ireland Cultural shows, music, dance, business opportunities Attracted 1000 participants last year, and is expected to double this year.

Governance Meetings

Monday 18th May, 10.30am, Wesley House Executive

Monday 25th May, 7.30pm, Church Council

Wednesday 3rd – 6th June, Methodist Conference

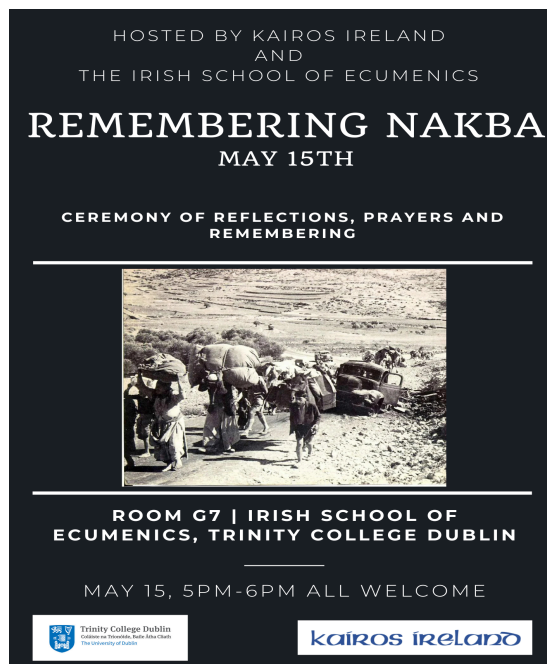
Monday 8th June, 8pm, Circuit Executive, An Solas, Tallaght Methodist Church.

Book Club

Our book choice for May was *Heart on my Sleeve* by Andrew Porter and our choice for June is *Murder Before Evensong* by Rev Richard Coles.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.30-2.00pm in Room 1, Wesley House. Each month we choose a book from a wide range of genres including biography, crime fiction, historical novels, humour and children's novels. We always have a lively discussion, with very varied opinions. We currently have 14 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on sylviahroddie@gmail.com

Nakba Day Ceremony, May 15th



A Nakba Day ceremony will be held at the Irish School of Ecumenics (TCD) at 5pm on Friday 15 May, featuring prayers, reflections, readings, and remembrance. Nakba, meaning “catastrophe,” commemorates the displacement of Palestinians in 1948 and highlights ongoing displacement today. The event is intended as a quiet act of solidarity with all who have suffered.

St Philip's Bazaar, May 16th



Pentecost Praise, May 24th



We want to invite you to the upcoming prayer evening in Dublin for **Pentecost!** We are partnering with [24/7 Prayer Ireland](#) and [Alpha Ireland](#) in this event. We'll gather with churches and people from across the city to pray and worship from **7.30pm on Sunday, May 24th** in [Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines](#). Hope to see you there! 😊
Blessings,
Anne & the Praxis Team

Christian Aid Chief Executive Visit, May 25th



An Eaglais Liútarach in Éirinn
Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Irland
The Lutheran Church in Ireland

An evening in support of Christian Aid

Date: Monday, 25 May, 7 pm
Location: 24 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2

We are delighted to welcome Rosamond Bennett
(CEO of Christian Aid) to the event. Light refreshments
will be served.

In co-operation with members of Adelaide Road
Presbyterian Church and St. Bartholomew's
Church of Ireland



The Conference of Birds, May 15th, 16th

This delightful intergeneration production includes Andrew Parkes as a curlew. It promises to be an enjoyable and inspiring night for all.



Floating World Productions
The Elders
**THE CONFERENCE
OF BIRDS**
the birds take to the stage - an intergenerational
performance of theatre, music and visual art

dlr Mill Theatre
May 15th & 16th 8pm
Booking: 01 2969340
www.milltheatre.ie €20




Monthly Morning Holy Communion

There is normally a monthly morning Holy Communion Service on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00–10.30am in Room 1 followed by the Friendly Room.


Friendly Room

The Friendly Room meets on Wednesdays in Room 1, Wesley House. If you are free, do drop in for a cuppa and a chat between 10.30 and 12 noon. All are welcome—it's a great spot to catch up, enjoy good company, and share a bit of banter.

God's Storehouse in Tallaght

 Please put donations of non-perishable food in the basket in the Coffee Bar at Wesley House

Connect ... through English

 **Every Thursday, 10:30am - 12:00pm**

 **Room 1, Wesley House**



Connect? Yes – the purpose of the Thursday morning gathering is to meet and connect with others who come to Ireland from all sorts of places, for all sorts of reasons. We chat, in English, over a cup of tea or coffee, with the facilitators taking it in turn to lead the conversation.

We never know who might come and, over the last ten years, people have come from countries on all the continents, except maybe Australia. It has been a privilege to meet everyone.

We gather on Thursday mornings in Room 1 between 10.30 and 12noon. If you might be interested in joining the facilitation team, please speak to one of us – Charles, Lesley, Liz, Lynne, Maureen, Roy and Sayjin.

If you are a relative newcomer to Ireland please come along – you will be most welcome. We can be contacted at: english@methodistcentenary.ie

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

May 24	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
May 31	Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston
June 7	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
June 14	Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston

Local preachers

Our local preachers take services regularly on the circuit and sometimes outside it. The current preaching plan includes:

May 17	10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds
May 25	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Soyounng Min
May 25	10.00 Tallaght Rev Yongnam Park
May 31	11.30 Rathgar Rev Andrew Kingston

Giving to the church

Standing Order or Bank Transfer:

Bank: AIB Bank plc, 7/12 Dame Street, Dublin 2

Account Name: Methodist Centenary Church Council No. 3 Account

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE89AIBK93122526909346

Questions? Please contact Alan Perry.

Tax Back Tax Relief Scheme

A taxpayer who contributes €250 to the church in a year enables the church to recover €112.82 from the Revenue Commissioners thereby increasing the donation to €362.82, and pro rata for donations of over €250. This scheme brought in almost €20,000 last year. To register, you need a CHY3 form from Lynne Pasley. This latter is valid for 5 years and doesn't commit you to make any future donations.

Debit or credit card

A card reader is placed in the Coffee Bar each Sunday through which donations can be made using a debit or credit card.

Cheque

If you can not come to church and you contribute by cheque we ask you to post your cheque to Billy Given. You can contact him at billygiven115@gmail.com

Text for Announcements

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to news@methodistcentenary.ie. The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

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 Email: news@methodistcentenary.ie

 Website: www.methodistcentenary.ie

 Whatsapp: [Centenary Updates](#)